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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Military-Economic Intelligence

1. As you know, a number of steps have been taken to review all aspects of the available military-economic analyses since you first raised your concern on the subject at the USIB meeting of 2 March. The most recent action that I initiated was to ask the CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence, Ed Proctor, to establish a small panel of disinterested experts from outside the Government. This panel will review thoroughly the available data, procedures and findings and will advise me generally on military-economic intelligence matters.

2. I believe that it is essential to keep the group quite limited in size (say, five) and to give the participants full access to all of the relevant information. I don't think that such a group will be able to function effectively unless it is fully cleared for all of our information on Soviet military forces and programs. When Ed Proctor has assembled a list of appropriate candidates for this panel, he will be in touch with you to discuss any additional nominations you may wish to suggest.

3. I appreciate your interest in this important intelligence question and will keep you posted on developments.

Richard Helms

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Director

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